

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for identifying goods in a network-based supply chain management
2 framework, comprising:
3 a) generating data at a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the
4 data relating to an ordering of goods required by the stores;
5 b) tagging the data with a numeric goods identifier common to a plurality of
6 different supply chain participants; and
7 c) communicating the data and the numeric goods identifier to at least one of the
8 supply chain participants utilizing the network, wherein the at least one supply
9 chain participant is capable of using the data and the numeric goods identifier for
10 fulfillment of the order.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the numeric goods identifier includes a global
2 trade identification number (GTIN).
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the data and the numeric goods identifier is
2 communicated utilizing a network-based interface.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the numeric goods identifier is positioned on the
2 goods.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the numeric goods identifier is positioned on the
2 goods in the form of a bar code.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is tagged by including the numeric goods
2 identifier therewith.

- 1 7. A system for identifying goods in a network-based supply chain management
2 framework, comprising:
 - 3 a) logic for generating data at a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a
4 network, the data relating to an ordering of goods required by the stores;
 - 5 b) logic for tagging the data with a numeric goods identifier common to a plurality
6 of different supply chain participants; and
 - 7 c) logic for communicating the data and the numeric goods identifier to at least one
8 of the supply chain participants utilizing the network, wherein the at least one
9 supply chain participant is capable of using the data and the numeric goods
10 identifier for fulfillment of the order.
- 1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the numeric goods identifier includes a global
2 trade identification number (GTIN).
- 1 9. The system of claim 7, wherein the data and the numeric goods identifier is
2 communicated utilizing a network-based interface.
- 1 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the numeric goods identifier is positioned on the
2 goods.
- 1 11. The system of claim 10, wherein the numeric goods identifier is positioned on the
2 goods in the form of a bar code.
- 1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the data is tagged by including the numeric goods
2 identifier therewith.
- 1 13. A computer program product for identifying goods in a network-based supply
2 chain management framework, comprising:
 - 3 a) computer code for generating data at a plurality of stores of a supply chain
4 utilizing a network, the data relating to an ordering of goods required by the
5 stores;

- 6 b) computer code for tagging the data with a numeric goods identifier common to a
 7 plurality of different supply chain participants; and
 8 c) computer code for communicating the data and the numeric goods identifier to at
 9 least one of the supply chain participants utilizing the network, wherein the at
 10 least one supply chain participant is capable of using the data and the numeric
 11 goods identifier for fulfillment of the order.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the numeric goods identifier
 2 includes a global trade identification number (GTIN).

1 15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data and the numeric
 2 goods identifier is communicated utilizing a network-based interface.

1 16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the numeric goods identifier
 2 is positioned on the goods.

1 17. The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the numeric goods identifier
 2 is positioned on the goods in the form of a bar code.

1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is tagged by
 2 including the numeric goods identifier therewith.